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Solace

1 Cor. 15:19: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

I cannot think what life would be
to awake some cheerless morn
And find no Jesus there to swell
the fire in my heart.
I can not think how void 'twould be
if His helping, strong right arm
were not there to His sweet peace impart.
I would not, could not fathom the great
expanse of empty space this soul
of mine would own,
If He should take His flight from
me and I'd be left alone.

Some day this hungry, thirsting being
that I call "me" shall take its flight
To catch hold of that celestial promise
made by God,
And there the unknown mystery of the
ages shall unfold.
In a trice I'll learn the secrets I have sought
And life immortal in my hands I'll hold.
Hallelujah!

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Rom. 8:18.

NOTICES

From the Field

Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention

The Northwest camp meeting and convention will convene at Minot, N. Dak., June 28-July 6, and to the people of God everywhere, we extend to you an invitation to attend. We are expecting a great time in the Lord and this may be the last time we will be permitted to meet in this manner, so plan to enjoy this feast of good things.

Brother R. P. Johnson, our Assistant General Overseer, will be with us for the convention, which includes the last three days, and those who have heard Brother Johnson at his best want to hear him again. Rev. Joseph Terlizzi of Los Angeles, Calif., will be with us during the entire camp meeting as one of the guest speakers. Brother Paul H. Walker, state overseer of Pennsylvania, will be with us also, and the folks are looking forward to seeing Brother Paul H. Walker and family at this time. Brother F. W. Lemons, of West Virginia, will be with us also as the camp Bible teacher. Many other prominent ministers will be with us to grace this holy convocation.

Brother Hughes R. Morehead, pastor of the local church, will be in charge of the entertainment. To those who wish to make reservations, write to him at Minot, N. Dak., and he will give you the information desired. Meals will be served on the grounds at a reasonable rate, also short orders at the lunch stand. And to those wishing to camp, bring your camping equipment along. There is plenty of good grassy shade to be had free of charge, also some tents can be rented for those who are not able to obtain one at home.

Special music and singing will be a feature of this camp meeting. Come and bring God with you. Let us have a time in the Lord. Don't forget the date—June 28-July 6.—D. C. Boatwright, state overseer, North and South Dakota and Wyoming.

This is to notify all concerned that I do not hold anything against the State Board which tried my case. I feel they did their duty and I was in error by not meeting said board and I ask forgiveness of all concerned.—W. Burl Sumner.

The New Jersey state convention, which was to convene at Atlantic City, will convene at Millville, N. J., instead.

The Western Canada convention will convene at Robsart, Sask., Canada, from

the 10th to the 13th of July. We are looking for a great time. Everybody is invited. You will meet with some wonderful people in Western Canada. Come and help us make this the greatest convention that has ever been in Canada.—John Sharp, overseer of Canada.

My address has been changed from Georgetown, S. C., to Conway, S. C., Gen. Del.—Nettie M. Hanvey.

District Convention

The Big Spring, Tex., district convention will convene at Big Spring, July 13-15. W. W. Smethers, district overseer.

Kitzmilller, Md., Is Gaining Ground

We thank the Lord for our good Sunday school and for Brother and Sister Cooper who came to pastor the church in October. Our Sunday school was very small at that time. We all went to work and we won the state banner for the first two months, which was for November and December. We have now won it the third time for the month of April.

We have a nice band of young folks here and we are praying that the Lord will send us a real Holy Ghost revival. Brother and Sister Cooper have been a real blessing to us. We believe we are going over the top for Jesus.—Lena P. Pugh, Sunday school secretary.

STATE CONVENTIONS

When and Where

Arkansas—June 12-15 at Little Rock.
Ohio—June 12-15 at Akron.
New Mexico—June 19-22 at Carlsbad.
Oklahoma—June 19-22 at Maud.
Kansas—June 26-29 at Coffeyville.
Alabama—June 26-29 at Alabama City.
North and South Dakota—July 3-6 at Minot, N. Dak.
Louisiana—July 3-6 at Covington.
Iowa—July 11-13 at Knoxville.
Georgia—July 11-13 at Atlanta.
Michigan—July 17-20. Place not announced.
North Carolina—July 17-20 at Kannapolis.
Central Canada—July 21, 22 at Windsor, Ontario.
Pennsylvania—July 24-27 at Somerset.
West Virginia—July 24-27 at Beckley.
Kentucky—July 29, 30 at Somerset.
Conn., N. Y., R. I., N. J.—July 29, 30 at Millville, N. J.
New England States—July 31-Aug. 3 at Appleton, Maine.
Texas—July 31-Aug. 3 at Weatherford.
Maryland—Aug. 7-10 at Maryland Camp near Cambridge.
Tennessee—Aug. 7-10 at Cleveland.

New Work in Bladenboro, N. C.

BLADENBORO, N. C.—I praise God for good old time salvation. Along about the first of the year 1928 the Lord spoke peace to my soul and saved me from a life of sin and sinning. A few weeks later He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and gave me a call to preach the gospel.

We joined the Church of God in Wilmington, N. C., on Mother's Day of 1940. Brother W. W. Harmon was pastor there at that time. I will never forget Brother Harmon and his family and their kindness to us.

Later we returned to our little home town in Bladenboro, N. C., and began a little work for God and His Church. We had no place to worship, so we began having cottage meetings and God began to bless. Finally a brother of the Freewill Church told me he had a lot adjoining his home with a small sawmill camp on it that we could have for service until we could build a church. We arranged seats and ran a light from his house for lights and our first service was there on Sunday, Jan. 27, of this year and continued the meeting for about two weeks. The Lord blessed in many ways. There were five or six saved, some sanctified and many blessed. Brother V. D. Combs, district pastor of the Wilmington, N. C., district, came and organized our little church at the close of the meeting, Feb. 8, with eleven members.

We have a Sunday school, L. W. W. B. and Y. P. E. organized and running well and God is still blessing in our services. Seven have been saved, six sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church since it was set in order and many others looking our way. Pray for us that we may get a church building as our little house is crowded to capacity.

We have two nice lots purchased for a church in a very nice location at a cost of \$300 and we owe a balance of about \$175, which we are making a drive to pay within the next thirty or sixty days and get a building on the way.

Pray that God may bless and give us a great revival here and add souls to His Church.—A. H. Vause, pastor, Box 35.

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Passing in Review

HAYDEN J. LAND

In military life there are parades, plenty of parades, all kinds of parades, parades of every description for every occasion. Usually, in a parade, the very best trained regiment, the one trained to perfection, the one that is called the "cream of the crop" is the one that passes in review before the reviewing stand. This reviewing stand consists of the commanding general, his high staff, many dignitaries, governors, diplomats, senators, congressmen, etc.

Since the defense preparedness program has commenced and is underway, we have more of these parades than ever before. Every camp throughout the United States, where soldiers, sailors and marines are undergoing their military training, such parades are taking place as the days go by. Never before in all our history, since the day when Betsy Ross first sewed with her fingers the Stars and Stripes that so gallantly and nobly fly in the breeze over the ramparts we watch, bought with the blood of our forefathers that we might have and retain this freedom of heartfelt salvation we now cherish and enjoy, has there ever been so many parades passing in review. What is the purpose of all this? To what end will its destiny come? The answer is self-explanatory. A prize fighter does not train to eat pancakes, neither does a ball player train to play checkers.

But there is another kind of a parade that I am thinking of, a parade in which God's children will pass in review. This earth is a great stage. Its fixtures have been set. They were set when Almighty God spoke this world into existence. When He, with His own hands, placed the sun, the moon, the stars, the planets and meteors in their respective places. When He, with His own hands, moulded the mighty mountains in the palm of His hand and placed them, in all their exquisite splendor and grandeur, in our view. When He, out of His cup of love, poured the mighty seas, started the tides and waves to roll, charted the mighty rivers, affixed the mighty gulfs and bays, appointed the bounds thereof and made all there is to be seen; made the first man Adam, earthly, and gave him a soul; started him out in this great drama of life with a part to play. We are all actors. The earth is a great stage. Each of us has a specific part to play. The first act of this great drama of life started off bad. Adam forgot his part. He forgot to remember what God had told him to do, and thus the entire drama of the first act went from bad to worse, until God decided to end the first act definitely. He dropped the curtain on the stage of

life—He dropped the flood from out of heaven.

Then began the second scene or second act. The actors at this time began to act their parts a little better than did the actors in the first scene, but it wasn't very long until they, too, began to forget their parts. The devil of confusion, of forgetfulness, of temptation and of doubt began to creep into the minds of the actors in this scene and they, too, began to err and forget their parts. Then the God of creation, their God and Instructor, decided on a plan to awaken His actors. His plan was to send His only begotten Son down upon the stage of life, to instruct, to set an example, a pattern for His actors to go by. God sent His Son. Some believed in Him and some refused to believe in Him. Some acted their parts as they were bidden and some forgot their parts. It was time for the curtain to fall on this second act or scene. It fell—when the Son of God dismissed His Spirit on Calvary's cross. That Instructor, that Teacher, that Superman whom God had sent, when the curtain fell, led captivity captive and gave good gifts unto His actors who had not failed to remember their parts and act them well, as they had been bidden. Glory hallelujah!

Then began the third scene or act. We of today are the actors in this scene on this great stage of life. We are the actors that *must* remember our parts or suffer the consequences. We are the ones acting among the wheat and the tares. The harvest is ripe and the sickle is being sharpened. Soon we shall reap whatsoever we have sown, then let our seed be planted by the river of life. God the Son, our Instructor, has a special prize, a special treat for His actors who act the best as He has bidden, for the actors who do not fail to remember their parts, for the ones that strive to win that prize in this race, in this act, in this scene, with their torch still burning, with their faith still growing, with their hope still sure. That treat, that prize, that supper, that rest at the end of the day, or scene, is with Him, the feast prepared for His Bride, the rapture of the saints, His elect, His chosen, His faithful few. Glory hallelujah! What a time—what a time! Even now, we who are acting our parts as we have been bidden, we who are trying to walk as circumspectly in His footsteps as we know how, we who are trying to set in the seat of His judgments, we who are trying to set in the seat of His counsel, and can call on His holy name and receive our portion of His power, we who know of and whom we are called, and in these days when our portion of His

Spirit rains upon us, as refreshing as the pure water of life, as sweet as milk and honey from the land of Canaan, as real to us as the sunshine from heaven, we think it a happy time. We think it a glorious time. It is a happy time and it is a glorious time. Hallelujah! But glory be to God, on that bright and cloudless morning when the Spirit of God shall rise, in the glory of His resurrection power, what a time, oh what a time! Glory be to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, so it is now and forever shall be! Just to walk down those streets of gold, with never any more sorrow, pain or care; to stroll down by the river of life and sit down beneath the shade of one of those evergreen trees and make old acquaintances new, oh, happy time!

We are living in the last act of this great drama of life. We are living at the going-down of the curtain. We are living at the time of the coming of Jesus for His Bride. Behind this curtain that is beginning to fall could be found one more scene or act, but we don't want to talk about that scene because it is too horrible to think about, much less talk about in this brief sketch. That scene is the tribulation and the white throne judgment. We don't want to talk about acting in that scene, because we don't want to be actors that can't act our parts. We are of the day and of the light, not of night nor of darkness.

Let us be up and doing. The Commanding General of all armies, His high staff of many dignitaries are beginning to line up in the reviewing stand. Soon we shall pass in review before the General of all generals, the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords. Shall our ranks be broken? Shall our courage faint? Shall our hope falter? shall our faith be shaken? No, and never! Let us gird ourselves together. Let us put on our full armor of holiness, sharpen our sword of defiance to the world, polish our faith until it glistens like the sun, then stand at attention, and stand fast—until we hear His voice, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Then from out in front, shall come a command from the Captain of the legion, the Son of God, to pass in review.

Revival

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Brother George Grubbs and Brother W. Branham conducted a two weeks' revival here in Charleston. Praise God for the precious souls who were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Three were added to the church. God is wonderfully blessing Brother Grubbs and we thank God for a man like him who preaches old time religion. Pray for our church that God will continue to bless.—Brother W. Withrow.

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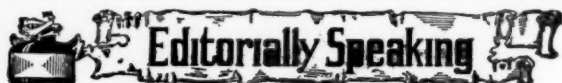
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Organized Evangelism

The story is told of an old colored man who was driving a team. He was expert with a long whip which he used constantly in driving a team of four mules. When a fly would light on the mules the old colored man would pick him off with his whip. Suddenly they passed a large hornets' nest hanging out on a limb near the road. A passenger remarked, "Sam, let me see you cut that hornets' nest off with your whip." Sambo looked at him and replied, "Naw sir, them fellers is organized." And so it is that organization puts up a formidable phalanx against a common enemy.

The one department in the work of the Church which is usually left with little or no organization is the evangelistic department, but those who are in charge of states and districts are waking up to the fact that in order to be the most effective they must have systematic evangelism for after all evangelism is a basis upon which the Church has been founded.

It was disclosed in a recent state convention that an overseer had carefully laid plans for such an organization, with well-planned campaigns to be backed in every town in his state with more than a thousand population. He had made a thorough survey and grouped all such towns as could be served by evangelistic parties which were partly supported by the state mission fund. Another state overseer, in a district convention, outlined his system of evangelism, which was readily accepted by the district as it had been by other districts where it had been introduced. This certainly bespeaks progress for the Church and it is to be believed that in a short time the Church of God is to feel the power of organized evangelism which will place the Church of God in every city, town, and village.

Paradoxical Information

THE Bible, the plan of salvation, and even everyday life are filled with paradoxes, and in a great many of these we are able to rejoice. It is a source of satisfaction for the child of God to remember that through the plan of salvation in humility he is

exalted, through poverty he becomes rich, as having nothing he possesses all things, while dying behold he lives, the way up is down and that he can rest under the yoke. A mere survey of these things makes the child of God to know that there is a round in the ladder of success in everything which seems to be opposition, and that the child of God may overcome every handicap regardless of how bad it appears to be.

A new paradox was recently called to our attention in the reports of South Carolina. In a state-wide mission contest, the winner proved to be J. A. Fails of Vacluse, S. C., and so the paradox "*Fails wins.*" The question has often been asked, "What's in a name?" But it has been accepted that if one's name gives him a send-off or prestige, it is a great advantage; but here we have one whose very name suggested defeat and failure and yet he triumphs over that handicap and comes out victorious. It sounds like the words of Jesus in Matt. 16:25, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." So even though failure is written in one's name, a triumphant victory can be obtained through simple trust and a will and courage to work.

Sunday School Visitor

HE stopped in front of a large and beautiful church and upon learning that it was about time for Sunday school decided to make a casual visit. It was just about time for the school to open. A group of children were in the choir. The leader announced the song and they started singing. Half of them arose as the leader raised his hand, the other half sat there as though he had never given a motion for them to rise. The singing being over the superintendent said, "Let the teachers take charge of their classes," and like a swarm of bees, without any order or system, the children began to run back and forth and up and down the aisles to see which could crowd in and get to his place first.

The visitor decided that he would not attend one class but look several of them over. The first Sunday school room to which he came was a class of juniors. The teacher was soon busy in trying to read the lesson but the class knew little of what was read. They were punching one another, pinching one another, sticking out their lips at each other, and when

the teacher tried to quiet them it made them all the worse. The visitor fled to a larger class, a class of teen age girls. The teacher was asking questions. Once in a while one of the girls, whose parent was quite an influential party, made a rather smart answer and upon being corrected became very sarcastic in her replies. Another chided with her and in a little while there was a three-way fuss with which the teacher was hardly able to cope. The visitor feared to make further exploration among the children, and dropped into the Bible class where he became intensely interested in the discussion of the lesson. The time had hastily passed by and a gong rang, telling that it was time for the classes to return to the auditorium. The marching was more orderly and a beautiful penny drill for the orphans almost caused the visitor to forget what he had seen in the classrooms, but suddenly, as the first of the marches came to the termination of their march they sat down. The next class, some of them sat down and some of them stood, and so on until the

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A GREAT WEEK IN THE CHURCH OF GOD

The state convention of South Carolina has mission offering of \$7,654.59.

State convention of Illinois has mission offering of \$2,052.00.

South Carolina sends in 77,000 soap coupons in orphanage coupon campaign.

Church at North Cleveland, Tenn., raises more than \$6,100 to liquidate debt against new church building—more than \$2,500 cash and balance to be paid in ninety days.

Rev. I. H. Presley, General Secretary of Pentecostal Holiness Church, resigns to join ranks of Church of God.

"I'll Be True," a song composed by Rev. Vep Ellis, sung by Greenville Quartet and owned by the Church of God, is voted by listeners to large South Carolina radio station as most popular religious song on the air.

Greater and Greater

BY R. P. JOHNSON, Assistant General Overseer

The Church of God state conventions are being held on schedule and are growing in usefulness and serving the Church in a way possible only in meetings like these. To discontinue them would mean serious damage to the cause of Christ. They are like great cogs in the mighty wheel of the Church of order and organization. They have become indispensable to both the local churches and to the General Assembly, for it is here that the full proof of the practicability of the program of the General Assembly is demonstrated; and it is here that the teaching, doctrine, program, and the way of the Church of God are presented and studies are made which are understood and appreciated, not only by our people, but by visitors and seekers for light on what the Church stands for. Another attractive and profitable feature of these annual meetings is that from them have come some recommendations from which have originated some of the most important and progressive steps that the General Assembly has taken. It is here that the mission program of the General Assembly receives its largest donation. The Bible Training School and Orphanage work receive more general support from the state conventions than they do from any other source than that of the General Assembly. Our publishing interest and also the young people's work both come in for attention and support.

THE ARIZONA CONVENTION

was held in the Valley of the Sun and was a typical convention. Phoenix, a beautiful, modern city, surrounded by flourishing fruit groves and prosperous farms was the host city. While the two churches there are not as large as many others, yet they did a good job of caring for the delegates; and the services, being under the direction of the Holy Ghost, were good and were a blessing to every honest-hearted person present. Arizona is making some real progress, but there are possibilities for much greater things for the Church of God in that state. Brother Bengé, their present overseer, is doing all that one man can do to promote the work, yet he acknowledges that with the burden for the work of California upon his shoulders, he cannot devote to the work the time that it should have. He said that if the state could have a state overseer, who could devote his entire time to the work, with the good talent that they already have, there is no telling what would be the progress that the Church would make there. The preaching, the music, and the singing dur-

ing the convention would have ministered grace to any convention, even to the General Assembly.

THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION

In the Yakima Valley, Washington, is located the progressive little city of Wapato, where the Pacific Northwest convention was held. There the people had the privilege of seeing who were on the mountain top while they held the convention in the valley. The Pacific Northwest challenges any other part of the country for the highest percentage of gain in a general way. Brother Douglas and his coworkers are doing excellent work, and new churches are being organized. Old churches are full of life and love, and it is marvelous how the work is growing in influence in that section. The unity of the saints and the freedom and fellowship of the Spirit, with the order and organization of the Church of God, is attracting other good saints and they are coming home. Thank God that true children of God are being provided with a scriptural church home, of which they can be members and with which they may work with confidence that their labors will not be wasted. Although the Church has its inward weakness and its outward opposition is strong and stubborn, yet its bold, solid stand for the Bible standard of spirituality and government sustains the hearts of those who love it so dearly and have served and sacrificed to get it established in that needy section. Time and space will not permit me to go into details as to the progress that is being made; but believe me, when I say that we are highly pleased with the accomplishments so far and are happy in the anticipation of what we believe will take place soon. Both laymen and ministers, who are constantly coming into the Church, come testifying that they were definitely led of the Holy Ghost. Of course they have that blessed feeling that comes when one is convinced that the Lord's approval is upon his life.

THE MONTANA CONVENTION

We went from the Washington convention to Montana, the land of the shining mountains, but that which has the most blessed and attractive glow is the Church of God, and the city of Lewistown had the honor of seeing it shine at its best, for it was there that the convention was held. Although the attendance was not so large as that in some states, yet Montana stands at the head of the list when it comes to missions, for when the mission offering was in, they had \$2 per member; and so far as I know now, that

is the best for 1941. The records show that they are making improvements and progress along other lines. Brother John Sharp, the overseer, is in the work with heart and soul, and the people are with him; and, of course, when people work together with God the results are always good. Here, again, we had some of the best music, singing, and preaching we have ever witnessed. The unity, also the spirituality of the convention was up to par—and when I say *par*, I mean what may be expected in a Church of God convention. God was in the meeting from the opening hymn to the last "amen"—or I presume that He must have been there for the last "amen," for He was there when I left on Sunday evening after the last sermon had been preached. While disturbers and calamity-howlers have run around over the country, trying to alarm our people, we find our people becoming more fixed in the Church of God way; and those people who think that they will prosper by attacking the Church of God are in for sad disappointment. Again, we say, "Thank God for what is taking place in the State of Montana and for the bright outlook for the future!"

South Jersey District Convention

We are glad to report that the Lord met us in our district convention for South Jersey. It was held on May 10 at Millville. Friends and delegates came from Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Chester, Reading, Pa., and Delaware.

We appreciated the sermons by Brother Messer, our state overseer, and Brother Rainey, pastor of Atlantic City, and Brother Thomas, also the good music and songs given to us by Brother and Sister Thomas.

The Lord poured out His blessings in all the services and gave us \$33.00 for our mission offering. Praise the Lord for it!

In the evening we had a good young people's service. Sister Hanley, pastor of Millville, and others spoke a few words to our Young People's Endeavor. Pray much for this new field, New Jersey, as it needs much prayer for the Lord's help and guidance.—Miss Fay Houser, secretary, 14 Mulberry St., Millville, N. J.

Special

We had a great week end in our Y. P. E. and Sunday school district convention at Kannapolis, N. C. The interest and spiritual tide ran high throughout the convention. Only one appeal was made for an offering for orphanage, which amounted to \$350.00.—Ralph W. Williams.

Error is never so restless as when truth is speaking.

Delkograms

D. H. DELK

GOLDEN TEXT FOR LESSON TEN

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the GOSPEL to EVERY creature." Mark 16:15.

Matthew adds, "LO, I am with you ALWAYS."

The word GO spells two-thirds of the word GOD. Anyone has little of GOD that won't GO.



THE GOSPEL YEARNs TO GO. And when we can get AWAY from OLD SELF, and IN the SPIRIT we can hear it CRYING (like Abraham's servant) HINDER ME NOT; HINDER ME NOT.

All can go in PRAYER, with their PURSE, or in PERSON to take the GOSPEL TO

others.

It takes money to send the preacher so he can preach, so the people can hear, so they can then believe, so they will then call upon the Lord, so they will be saved.

SO faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The mission spirit is spreading, and becoming more fervent every day, THANK T H E LORD. But many are impeding (probably not wilfully) the gospel, because the invincible giant of INDIFFERENCE has his BARBED claws on them.

A doctor was asked, "Won't so and so pay you?" The doctor replied, "NO, HE WON'T PAY ME, HE WON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT WHAT HE OWES ME."

It's APPALLING the number of us that OWE GOD OUR ALL, and yet we are so INDIFFERENT about it.

If we are FILLED with love, we will see the GREAT DEBT OF LOVE we owe. Read Rom. 13:8, 10.

"If ye love me keep my commands." They are not grievous IF YE LOVE!

It's easy to make an excuse. We don't need a saw, hammer, square, education, or even good common sense. I once asked a very poor, ignorant fellow to kneel for prayer. At once he said, "I haven't got on any socks tonight." I said that to say this, When we are LOW IN LOVE, and old SELF IS STICKING TO US LIKE A LEECH, excuses will be GALORE. He that is good for making excuses, is sel-

dom good for anything else. (Franklin)

Oh, how we have to fight against SELF-LOVE. In the last days men will be LOVERS OF THEIR OWNSELVES, (i. e., study for their own interest).

SELF-LOVE is one of the most DETERMINED sins of the day. Conquer it today, tomorrow it will come back REINFORCED. "I (ought to) DIE DAILY."

I love my friends well, but myself better. (French proverb)

If you want to enjoy a little trip, SLIP OFF AND LEAVE SELF. Go see those sick and needy folks, CARRYING PART OF YOUR PRAYERS IN YOUR HAND, and there you will find a part of HEAVEN.

If you want more love, begin giving it away; turn your pockets inside out, and go to bed love broke. Next morning you will get up with more love than ever before.

People full of love live more than lazy ones because it awakes early, and gets up, and out. It doesn't want a LITTLE MORE SLEEP, A LITTLE MORE SLUMBER, A LITTLE MORE FOLDING OF THE HANDS.

A fellow who begged for a living was pinned down on for a reason. Finally he said, "Some call it idleness, some slothfulness, some laziness, but whatever it is it's got all in my bones, and I just can't work."

Love has caused seven years of work seem like only a few days.

It's easy to say HERE AM I; SEND ME, after a seraphim has touched our lips with a live coal.

Listen, I write as though I see you in person. Let's keep in mind that the only way to be HAPPY (and like Jesus) is to be UNSELFISH.

Let's LIVE, MOVE, WALK, TALK, WORK, THINK, PRAY, and "GO" for "OTHERS." Oh glory! I feel His presence now and I feel like taking time out for a shout.

A Christian is someone who is CHRISTLIKE, "For even Christ pleased not himself." A missionary heard two heathens talking. One said to the other, "What do you think of this new faith? Are you going to become a Christian too?" The other one said, "How could I? I have to think of myself, and these Christians, they are ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS."

A man is very little better by liking himself, if no one else likes him. Someone says, "A little house well filled, a little land well tilled, and a little wife well willed, are great riches." I wish to add that for us all to be well willed (FREE FROM SELF-WILL) will bring us GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT, WHICH IS GREAT GAIN.

Question Box

Question: Please explain Mark 13:14-19. What is meant by "And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter"?—J. B. C.

Note: Since this question is so much akin to another that we have, we give it and will answer both of them jointly.

Question: Will you please explain Daniel 11:41? What countries represent Edom and Moab?—Mrs. N. B.

Answer: The key to the fulfillment of the scripture in Mark 13:14-19 is found in the 14th verse, "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains." This has oft been interpreted to refer to the seize of Titus in the year A. D. 70 when Jerusalem was laid waste. But here we are told very plainly that the time of the fulfillment of that which is to follow is the time when the abomination of desolation is set up. Matt. 24:15 says, "Stand in the holy place."

Prophecy of the abomination is made in Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11. All of these refer to the time when the antichrist shall be enthroned in Jerusalem and shall take away the daily sacrifice and set up an abomination in its place. At that time Jesus tells the Jews they should pray that it might not be winter or the Sabbath day else they should be overtaken by hordes of the enemy. Dan. 11:41 tells us that the antichrist will enter into the glorious land and many countries shall be overthrown, but that Edom and Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon shall escape. This is evidently the wilderness to which Israel shall escape in her flight from the antichrist.

In Revelation 12 there appears a woman clothed with the sun, which is representative of national Israel, who as soon as she has been delivered in birth to the man child flees to the wilderness (Edom, Moab, and Ammon) where she hath a place prepared of God that they should feed her through the great tribulation period. This wilderness is parallel with Mark 13:14, "Then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains." The present state of Trans-Jordan embraces the countries of Moab, Ammon and part of Edom, the other part of Edom, lying directly south of Palestine. This country is now inhabited by the descendants of Edom, Ishmael, Moab and Ammon, as they themselves acknowledge.

Question: Will you please explain Rev.

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Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

REPORT FROM BERMUDA

The Church of God at Warwick, Bermuda, is happy to report that we celebrated our first anniversary at 3:00 p. m. Sunday, March 9. We are glad for the way the Lord has led us for one year. His name be praised!

The session was opened at three o'clock by Brother Charles Worril, assistant pastor. The opening prayer was prayed by Elder Thomas of the Evening Light Tabernacle. After a song directed by Elder Mills of the United Holy Church, Brother A. Bean, pastor, made some remarks, speaking of how the Lord has been with us through many difficulties and oppositions since our overseer, Brother and Sister Carl Hughes, left us. After another hymn we gave an expression of thanks to Mother Paynter by standing. We thank God for her. She is eighty-four years of age. We are thankful for the way she and her family in general have helped us and we ask all who read this to pray for them. Then we stood and sang two more numbers, after which we had an address by Elder Thomas. The Lord really blessed him and he did some good preaching. Pray for him. Truly he is a Church of God minister at heart. He gave some encouraging remarks and declared that the Church of God is right and her doctrine pure. After his message we had another song. Pray for Brother Thomas and his people, that they will soon come into the Church of God.

We had a full house, and you should have heard the singing! We thank God for the music played by Brother Bean and his three daughters, playing the cornet, saxophone, piano and organ.

The next speaker was Brother Fred Powell (white) of the Church of God at Warwick. He also gave some encouraging remarks. Pray for him and for his partner in life, that she may be saved. Being white, Brother Powell has many persecutions for mingling with us but pray for him as he is determined and is our Y. P. E. leader.

Brother Christopher Darrell, of the Salvation Army, gave an address. Brother Hubert Mills led a testimony service and it rained on the inside as well as the outside. Mother Josephine Place gave a wonderful testimony, and prayer was offered for the sick and afflicted. All pray for

Sister Place. She was not able to walk to church but walked back home. Ask the Lord to completely heal her. Four sisters of the Evening Light Tabernacle spoke of God's love and how they had been blessed in the little church at Warwick. The Warwick saints sang "It Is Love," then



Ceciley Bean

took an offering. We had the dedication of Sister Dorothy Wolfe's little girl Vivian Joan, then a report of the work was read by Sister Rhoda Landy, secretary, which was very encouraging. We have had for the year forty-five or fifty confessions and a membership of twenty-six. We praise God for Brother Horton who was a great blessing to us and we hope to see him soon. We must not fail to thank Sister Delia Pedro, saints and friends for the decorating of our church. It was beautifully dressed with flowers, ferns, and sprays, which altogether with the

Lord's presence and the saints made the church look and smell sweet. All that was needed then was Brother and Sister Hughes.

We closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the benediction was pronounced by the pastor. Although it rained a lot at night, we had a nice crowd with four at the altar. This closed the birthday of our little mission at Warwick, East Bermuda. Pray much for us for we are determined by God's grace to press this battle along.—Yours in His service, Brother Absalom Bean, pastor; Sister Ceciley Bean, clerk.

A REQUEST

Please pray and fast, if led, for my eyes. I have been home six weeks and my eyes have gone back on me. I am almost blind.—A. Bean (colored).

NEWS FROM BARBADOS, B. W. I.

The first quarterly convention of the Central District of the New Testament Church of God was held at Fitz Village, St. James, on Sunday, May 4. This proved to be a most wonderful day with God. Six of the seven churches which form the district were in this happy assembly of God's people. The day's meeting began with a baptismal service when ten candidates followed their Lord in baptism. At 10:00 a. m. we met at the church for prayer and praise. At 11:00 a. m. the convention was opened by Evangelist R. B. Hawkins, the district overseer. After the opening song and prayer she made a few fitting remarks, and then called on the overseer to address the meeting. He gave a brief history of the Church of God, speaking of its rapid growth, and of its great zeal for mission work and of the great future there is before us if we keep in the will of God and allow the Holy Ghost to lead and direct us.

Reports were then made by the six churches present, and we were all delighted to note that every church was able to report souls saved during the quarter, totaling fifty-two saved in the newly-formed district for the quarter. We then had a few very encouraging remarks by Evangelist E. E. Grimes of the Northern District.

Evangelist Vincent Griffith after this gave us a most soul-stirring and inspiring sermon from Psalm 91, bringing out

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

This paragraph is written immediately after listening to the distinguished President of the United States deliver one of the most historic and meaningful addresses in the history of our Republic. As a believer in the doctrines and teachings of the Holy Bible as interpreted by the Church of God, I shrink from actual combat. As an American citizen, grateful for the liberties and privileges I now enjoy, I see the need of Hitler and Hitlerism being driven from the face of the earth. As a believer in Bible prophecy, I see above and beyond the Hitlers and their dreams of world conquest and domination. His address was a masterful presentation of his sincere belief that America must not shrink from actual combat if that is necessary to stop Hitler. Sincerity and earnestness were apparent as he stressed the high spots of his speech. This much may be safely asserted: **THIS IS NO TIME FOR DIVIDED COUNSEL. PARTISAN POLITICS, AS SUCH, MUST, IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, BE LAID ASIDE.** I repeat what I have written before, **OUR ONLY HOPE IS IN HIM WHO SAID, "I WILL COME AGAIN."**

Hon. Wendell Willkie said in a speech this week: "This is no time to quarrel over trivialities **WHEN THE WORLD IS ON FIRE.** Heaven knows I have criticised the administration. When I am helping to put out a fire, I am not going to stand around and quarrel with the fire chief, even though I previously opposed him." Such words from a man so high in political and financial circles, assures the unanimity of the American people. In this connection, it might be noted that in the minds of the people there is growing a desire for participation in the war. More than a majority of the people today favor using the Navy to convoy supplies to England and China. Sixty-eight per cent of the people have said they preferred to go to war rather than see Hit-

ler win over England. The spirit of the age—perilous times.

Bishop Henry Wise Hobson, of the Episcopal Church, is head of the **FIGHT FOR FREEDOM COMMITTEE.** I quote from the Bishop's statement of purpose as published Sunday, May 25. "Hitler has declared war on democracies. He has crushed nation after nation, whose leaders cared too little and too late. Catastrophe is at our door. We must act now or face Hitler alone. The Fight for Freedom Committee is made up of those who hold the clear-cut position that the United States must be ready to take whatever action is necessary to insure Hitler defeat. The members of the committee hate war but believe that by the use **NOW** of the full resources of our country to stop aggressor nations, we can prevent a far more disastrous future war. We believe further that the future freedom of the United States, of the conquered countries of Europe, of the citizens in the dictator nations, and of the people in all lands can be achieved only if the aggressors are defeated." It seems rather strange that a bishop, one who has, (or one who should have) touched the hem of His garment and partaken of His peace should utter such warlike utterances.

I quote from the latest issue of the Saturday Evening Post, an editorial opinion: "Trying to maintain the fiction that this country is not in the war against Hitler is like running from an earthquake or hiding in the nursery.—Every one must be aware of what it will mean to go on. Do we see what it will mean to go back? The peril in that case is no less, may be even greater. In going on we face the possibility of defeat, whether we can imagine it or not. **BUT TO GO BACK IS TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF NATIONAL DEATH. WHY? BECAUSE IT IS NOT PROBABLE THAT A FAL-**

STAFF NATION, SO RICH AND SO FREE, WOULD BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN ONE WORLD WITH HITLER. That's the reality as we see it; that is the reality we accept." This amazing editorial from a paper that has consistently and, at times, violently opposed the President and his policies, is worthy of consideration. In the interest of national unity, they bury the hatchet and go along, believing the **HOUR IS TOO LATE** to pursue any other course. **THEY REALIZE THE PRESENT COURSE MEANS WAR.**

"I am preparing for the ministry of the gospel. I have been called by the Lord of heaven to proclaim the doctrine of peace and good will. I am studying to qualify myself for that task. It would be arrant hypocrisy, therefore, for me to submit to the conscription laws, and enter the armed forces. I don't want to go to jail. I don't want to be considered a lover of any country on earth except these United States. However, I can't preach one doctrine and live another." Thus spake a youthful student-minister in Columbus, Ohio, last week. He got off lucky. Sent to a camp maintained by his church for conscientious objectors. What would you do? What would I do? Our only safe course is to follow the instructions of those whom **THE HOLY GHOST HAS PLACED IN AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE POLICIES OF HIS CHURCH.**

HOLY WAR LOOMING. HOSTS OF ISLAM, 80,000,000 STRONG, ARE SEEN MARCHING AGAINST BRITAIN: MASSACRE IN PALESTINE MAY FOLLOW. With those amazing headlines, an article was written by Paul Palmer, outstanding authority on Eastern religions. I quote: "Carrying with it the ominous threat of death and destruction to the Jews in Palestine, Moslem Holy

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Arkansas State Convention, June 12-15 at Little Rock.

It Can Be Done

Through the ages, charge after charge and round after round of ammunition has been fired against *can't* and yet he continues to operate in every place that can has is not thoroughly fortified.

Can does not need much in the way of implements to accomplish great things. It is that indomitable will and courage which gives it the power to function in a 100% program and come out par.

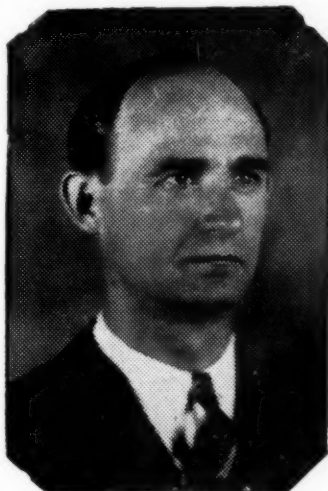
The gathering of soap coupons for the Orphanage support seems to be a very insignificant and small job, yet South Carolina at her state convention presented the orphanage with 77,000 which will be converted into a nice cash allowance.

The coupon campaign in South Carolina was put on a contest basis and was won by Rev. Odis Smith, pastor of the church at Langley, with 7,500 coupons. Langley has only 89 members. Incidentally your chairman of the Orphanage Committee preached his first sermon in Langley in March, 1913. Brother Smith laughs at defeat and says—"It can be done."

News has just come to us of the coupon drive sponsored by our colored brethren for their orphanage. With only 2,152 members their coupons collected and turned in at their convention were cashed for \$1,098.57—more than 50c worth of coupons per member. These noble, courageous warriors, whose capital, as a rule, is very limited, have found

that *can* always finds a way to do things and have thereby proved in deed as well as in word *it can be done*.

What a wonderful example is set for us by our colored brethren. On the same basis which they climaxed their coupon campaign, we could pay the boys' new



Rev. Odis Smith

home nearly out of debt, for into the treasury at 50c worth of coupons per member there would flow \$30,500. This is just one among many ways that we may work for the Lord and His Church. "Yes, it can be done."

NOTES From My LETTERS

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

From Barbadoes

"The reports show good conventions in the central district. Ten baptized and twenty received into the Church. This is a new district composed of seven churches.—James B. Winter."

Special

Please pray for Brother J. B. Camp and our mission work in Jamaica. During the month of April 291 were added to the Church.

From Michigan

"We have just finished with our district conventions, and we have had the

sweetest spirit in them that I have ever witnessed, I believe. The offerings have been better in every one of them than those of last year, and those of last year were good for this state, they think. The Detroit district was the best last year, and we doubled their best. For this convention the offering this time was \$271.34. Pretty good don't you think, for a district in a small state?

"We have raised \$464.34 for missions from the three district conventions. We have also raised about \$100 for the orphanage. This is separate and apart from the special Easter rally in the churches, which amounted to more than \$100, and

some of the churches did not feel the spirit and need of this as did others. I am also disposing of 400 Pictorial Reviews for the orphanage.

"Yours in His service,
"E. O. Kerce, overseer of Michigan."

News From Kansas

"We have just closed our first district convention. The mission offering was over \$100, including our state drive. Many said that this was the greatest convention ever in Kansas.—Humbly thy brother in Christ, Wilma Henry, overseer of Kansas."

An Order Expressing Faith

I received today a letter and a money order for 36 cents for tithe envelopes. The brother has been praying for a job. As proof of his faith, he has ordered his tithe envelopes so that he can pay his tithes when he receives his new job.

May the Lord bless you, brother.

From Oklahoma

"Our district conventions are, of course, a light affair compared with what you people have in the East, but we are excelling anything we did last year. The mission offering at Ada was \$20; Lawton, \$26; Seminole, \$31; Ravia, \$15. Our state convention last year was \$277. We are going to raise \$567 this year. We have around \$200 on it already."

May God bless you people in Oklahoma.

From Mississippi

"The Stonefield district can report 100 per cent over the top in everything, with a \$127 mission offering last Sunday. We had the best convention that this district has ever had. This is the first time that the district has gone over the top 100 per cent.—Your brother, D. G. Bozeman."

In Great Revival

KEW TURKS ISLAND, B. W. I.—I praise God for His great love towards me. I am glad to state we are in a great revival over here and God is really blessing us in a miraculous way, and in spite of the devil the heavens open and God surely sends the glory down.

I am a poor widow and by the help and grace of God I mean to preach the Word as an evangelist in season and out of season, as Paul says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

Pray that God will give us the victory.
—Sister Mary Ann Arthur.

Ohio State Convention Convenes June 12-15 at Akron.

Reports From the Field

Missouri Big Island District Convention

The Missouri Big Island district convention convened at Parma May 9-11. The presence of the Lord was manifested from the beginning. Brother B. W. Elliott, district overseer, had prepared a very good program. The ministers seemed to be especially blessed in the deliverance of their soul-stirring messages. Brother Houston R. Morehead, our state overseer, delivered several messages in his unique way of preaching, which were very stirring and inspirational. He is certainly doing a blessed work in Missouri.

The singing, too, seemed to be of such heavenly nature that it seemingly fanned every spark of salvation into a towering blaze. Such singing can only be fully appreciated by hearing it.

The welcome and hospitality extended to visitors was very good. The mayor extended the visitors a very hearty welcome, also the president of the Ministers' Alliance. A large basket dinner on Sunday was one of the examples of the good hospitality shown in this convention.

The orphanage and mission drives showed an increase over the past year; also the other financial drives were very good.

To summarize this report we can truthfully say that God honored His work by giving us a most glorious convention. REMEMBER to attend the Missouri state camp meeting and convention May 30-June 8.—Earl Golden, Cantwell, Mo.

PERDIDO, Ala. — The Lord is still sending showers of blessings in Perdido, for which we praise Him. We haven't had a revival lately, but a few have been saved and two added to the church. Rev. A. G. Phillips, the boy who brought true light on the gospel here, was with us last night and we had a good service. We surely appreciate Brother and Sister Phillips and I know you folks do at Olney, Ill.

Our pastor and some of the brothers have been busy since the Assembly, as well as the L. W. W. B. We've raised the ceiling in the church and put in new light fixtures, painted it inside and out, bought chairs for the choir and are now building new benches. Yes, there's work for us to do to carry out God's plan. Our L. W. W. B. is doing nicely too and we're planning to have an all-day meeting at the church May 28. We are inviting all the bands on this district to come and be with us. We're expecting a good time in

the Lord. I feel the Lord is calling me into His service and I'm asking everyone to pray that the way will be made as I have an unsaved husband and four children, but I know His grace is sufficient and I do want to trust Him.—Mrs. L. D. Bryars.

MONROE, N. C.—We moved to Prospect community, Monroe, N. C., March 12. In a few days a lady came here from Charlotte looking for a place to hold prayer meetings. She said the Lord had burdened her for a month to come to this community to preach holiness and she didn't know any holiness people lived here. The people have opened their doors for us to have our meetings in their homes.

The Lord is blessing; people are getting the light on holiness. They really love our leaders. The Charlotte band comes on Thursday night for meeting and the Church of God saints of Monroe come out on Sunday afternoon and give us a service. Brother Stover is a young minister and he is really on fire for God. He preaches the Bible so plain that it seems a child could understand it. I believe we have good prospects for holiness to spread throughout this community, but the devil is working too. Please hold us up in your prayers. Some who are turning for us are getting awful criticisms in their own homes.

We gave a Mother's Day program Sun-

day afternoon in my home and it was very interesting. The young people like to work in the services. I feel so happy over our new work here. Please pray for me to be more humble every day and live the life. I would like to hear from some of the saints in Greenville, S. C.—Mrs. Ida Montgomery, Rt. 4, Box 606.

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I praise the Lord for victory in Jesus. I thank God, too, for His healing power and His great power to protect us from disease and harm. Truly, He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him.

We praise the Lord for our beloved pastor, Brother C. C. Rains, one who will stand for the right and preach the Word. That is what we find the world is hungering for today. Our church and Sunday school have grown under his leadership, our Sunday school reaching 231. Prayer, cooperation and God's favor brought the results.—Nadyne Clouse.

Wouldn't Be Outdone

CLIFFVIEW, Va. — We truly thank God for the way He has blessed us here this year. We can never thank Him enough. We were to have a L. W. W. B. organized to have our church on the honor roll, but it seemed it was impossible to get one organized as we don't have so many members, so we have a Men's Willing Workers Band organized. We just don't like to be defeated. We have raised about \$200.00 already. We have repaired our church building and bought new seats. The people say they are worth \$100.00. All of this was paid for out of our M. W. W. B. Pray for us at Cliffview.—Rev. J. B. Holcomb, pastor, Fries, Va.

ALABAMA STATE PARSONAGE



This is a picture of Alabama's state parsonage, located at 710 Avenue V, Pratt City, Ala. This is a nice seven-room bungalow, with bath and front porch, and a small enclosed back porch. Alabama is working and has been very good to its overseer.—H. L. Chesser, state overseer.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dist. Convention

The Harrisburg district convention convened at Newville, Pa., May 9-11. Brother J. W. Shaw, district overseer and pastor of the Newville church, had everything in perfect readiness for the convention and in his welcome address Friday evening he surely made us feel at home. God blessed in a special way in this opening service and the same sweet spirit prevailed throughout the entire convention. Brother Shaw was at his best and seemed always to know just what the service needed next to make it a glowing success.

Brother Walker, our state overseer, was present and on Saturday morning delivered a message to the church, which was a blessing to every one.

Time was given Saturday morning for the orphanage service, which was great, and a liberal offering was given to this cause. Saturday evening service was given to the young people, under the leadership of the state Y. P. E. superintendent. This, too, was a good service.

Sunday morning Brother Walker spoke concerning missions. This was a glorious service. Both orphanage and mission offerings exceeded that of any previous year for this district. Special instrumental selections and singing was an interesting feature of each service. Sunday afternoon Brother Walker started to preach and the power fell. Thus the convention closed with the saints of God praising and glorifying Him.—D. N. Lykens, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, Mines, Pa.

Giving God All the Praise

MT. UNION, Pa.—I certainly praise the dear Lord from the depths of my heart for His goodness to me. Just recently I had a terrible illness. I suffered terribly. As near as we know, it was rheumatic fever. The dear saints prayed for me a number of times and I got some better, but not completely healed. My husband would carry a big rocking chair to the church and fix it up with pillows for me; and then he would help me out to the service. I would have to sit there with my feet elevated, as I could not put them down on the floor, my legs were so swollen and stiff and very painful. But praise God, Jesus is ever the same. One night as my husband and another good brother prayed for me God just brought me out of that big chair, instantly healed, and the church was hardly big enough to hold me. I was so happy and blessed. Thank God, I can't praise Him enough. The next day I started doing my housework and I've been doing it ever since. I wish to thank all the dear saints who prayed for me.—Mrs. P. R. Walker, Box 58A, R. F. D. 1.

Good News From the Golden West

After a wonderful trip from Headquarters with the B. T. S. girls' quartet, we arrived home Thursday, May 1. Looking through our mail we found a letter from Brother J. B. Baney, in which he stated he had set a new church in order in Friant, California, with sixteen members. They have a new church building, 24x36, and all of it is paid for but about \$100 on the lot.

Sister Callie Everett started this work by faith and held on to God until He gave her favor with a lumber man, who let her have lumber at wholesale to build a new church. Sister Everett is a good pioneer worker. She worked so hard that she almost had a nervous breakdown, so on account of her health she turned the work over to Brother J. L. Howard, a very fine young minister she had won for the church. Would to God that we had more like her to go into new places and build new churches for the glory of God.

We went to Broderick the 17th and set a church in order with fifteen members, of which three are ministers, with more

to come in later. Sister V. E. Mercer rented a Baptist church and opened this new work up. This is a new field for the Church of God and looks promising for a large work. Pray much for these good people.

We have a group of missions in Sacramento and Stockton, also a Bible School and a printing press which we will write about later.

We stopped in Calwa to visit with Brother W. R. Gruggett, the pastor. I found him and Brother Baney and some more of the brethren laying the foundation for a new church, 28x42. This church was set in order just before the General Assembly last year and is progressing very nicely. I would like to say a word in behalf of Brother J. B. Baney. He came back with us from the Assembly from Tennessee to pastor the church in Tulare. Brother Baney has proven a blessing in the work as district overseer. He is not only a good preacher, but a good carpenter as well. He takes his tools and helps the brethren build new church buildings. This is the second new building

SOUTHERN GIRLS QUARTET FROM B. T. S. SINGING IN CALIFORNIA



It is my happy privilege to introduce to the readers of the Evangel Brother and Sister Isaac L. Benge and the Southern Girls Quartet, left to right, Mary Lee Bell, Mahdeen McCoy, Lochie Bird Whitener, Colleen Huff. The girls are just from B. T. S. at Sevierville, Tenn., and I am sure they are a great boost to the school, not only in their harmonious singing but in their sincere and deep spirituality. We people of California feel grateful to the parents of these girls for giving them to us, to work for God and His Church in this great state. The three services they attended at Baldwin Park church were services long to be remembered and we are anxious for them to soon return and conduct a revival for us.—Haskel C. Williams, Baldwin Park, Calif.

Editor's Note: The B. T. S. Quartet is working hard for the Evangel and has sent in some nice lists of subscriptions. *Do thou likewise!*

they are working on in his district since the Assembly. The Lord bless you, Brother Baney, and give you many more new churches.

We are now in the midst of a Holy Ghost revival with Brother Pauls in Fresno. We have between five and six hundred in attendance. The prospects look very good for a great revival, especially among the young people. Last night the B. T. S. quartet sang one song and the Lord blessed them so that the people began to weep and cry, and I felt it was time to make the altar call. There was a large number of young people and some older ones in the altar seeking God. Everyone that reads this pray for the work in the West.

God is doing so many wonderful things for us that I feel like I am in the other world, so I have to stop and pinch myself to see if I am still here. Yes, this is California and I am still here!—Your servant, I. L. Bengé, state overseer.

Cookeville, Tenn., District Convention

The Cookeville district convention convened at Mt. Pleasant Church of God May 9-11, Rev. John C. Jernigan in charge, and Rev. Roy Dagnan as moderator. Every one said it was the best convention ever held on this district. Every message was just wonderful and the singing was good. The mission offering was \$40.47; orphanage offering, \$10.03. We had a good Y. P. E. program Saturday night, Sister Annie Kilgore in charge. Brother Jernigan followed with a good message.

We praise God for the Church of God members who are willing to work for Him.

On Sunday we heard the reports from the churches on the district. All are doing fine. Four churches have already put the program over one dollar per member. We have seven times now as much missions as this district had last year. Why, folks, it is wonderful to know how God is blessing. Sister Cora Brown, Sister Emaline White, Brother Cordell Carr, and Brother Avery Lane brought wonderful messages. We thank God for Holy-Ghost-filled ministers like these.

Let us work for God and get closer and closer. Bless His name. Pray for us on this district.—Clerk.

REPORTS

ODESSA, Tex.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. He means more to me than everything in this world.

I thank the Lord for the Y. P. E. on this district. We have enjoyed two all-day Y. P. E. services on this district recently—one at Odessa Easter Sunday. In the morning we enjoyed good singing and talks by different ones, then a nice dinner. In the afternoon we had another

good feast from the Master's table as waves of glory swept the building. Sinners wept and were made to realize their need of the Lord more. Last but not least was a message by our district pastor, Brother W. W. Smethers.

The entire day was filled with good things from the Lord.

Mother's Day we enjoyed another all-day Y. P. E. service at Big Spring. In the morning we had special songs and talks in regard to the mothers, after which we enjoyed a nice sandwich spread. In the afternoon we enjoyed the presence and power of the Lord. Programs were rendered by the Big Spring and Odessa Y. P. E's.

The service closed with every one more encouraged to press on and fight a few more battles for the Master, as we believe of a truth that it won't be long until He will say to those who have fought the good fight of faith, "Come up higher, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

We have just closed a revival here, conducted by Sister Willie Digby and Brother H. C. Pole. Four were saved and two sanctified. The Lord is blessing at this place.

We desire an interest in your prayers that He will continue to bless.—Miss Artie Pole, district president, Y. P. E.

Rally Day

On Sunday, May 18, an all-day service was held at the Church of God at Mount Olive, about five miles northwest of Fruithurst, Ala. The Lord surely blessed and His presence was shown in a mighty way. About 9:30 a. m. we started Sun-

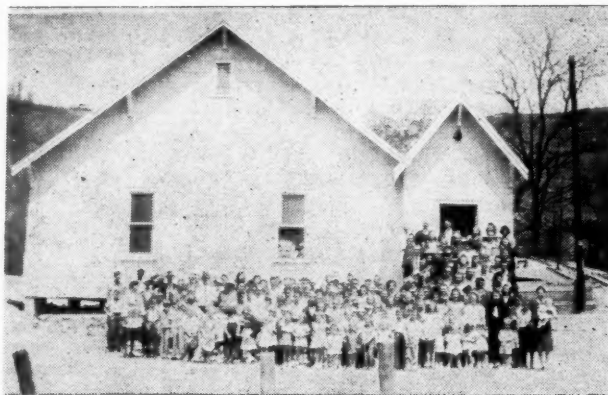
day school. After prayer and singing we entered into an old time testimony service, in which the power of God seemed to be manifested greatly. After this a short sermon was delivered by our pastor, Brother J. F. Brown. We were dismissed for dinner by Brother Williamson, of Crumby's Chapel. The dinner was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Shortly after lunch we gathered at the creek bank for water baptism, five being baptized. Brother Bolt, pastor of Tallapoosa Church of God, preached a wonderful baptismal sermon. After this service we assembled back at the church. We enjoyed some good singing and then Brother Williamson gave an inspiring talk. Short talks were then given by different speakers including Brother and Sister Johnson, Sister Fiars and Brother Stephens, all of Tallapoosa Church of God and Brother Crumpton of Crumby's Chapel. The right hand of church fellowship was given to those who were baptized. By request "Wading Through Deep Waters" was sung. God certainly blessed.

The last speaker of the day was Brother Jim Hallmon. We closed a day of enjoyment for a number of God's children, which will be long remembered.

A large crowd gathered at the church for night service. A number of soul-stirring songs were sung, accompanied by guitar music. After preaching by Brother J. F. Brown we enjoyed an old time feet washing and taking the Lord's supper. God certainly blessed our humbleness. We were dismissed after enjoying a day of blessings from the Lord.—Miss Reenie Owen, Rt. 1, Fruithurst, Ala.

ANOTHER NEW CHURCH FOR VIRGINIA



This nice little building was dedicated to the Lord on March 30, at Dunfords town, Virginia, with a large crowd being present, more than the church could accommodate. We failed to get a picture of the group that day.

The church was organized only one week before the last General Assembly. This picture shown is the Sunday school which has been organized only five weeks. There were 178 present. W. T. Morefield is the pastor. He has just closed a very successful revival with 23 saved, 19 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 21 added to the church, and 29 baptized in water. God is blessing this new work.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

Requests For Prayer

PRAY FOR—

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

The healing of my daddy of sinus trouble.—Miss Grace Henry, Langley, S. C.

The healing of Sister Jessie Crews, 1253 E. 14th, Jacksonville, Fla., who has been sick eight months.—W. E. Moslen, Jacksonville, Fla.

Continue to pray that I may be completely healed of sugar diabetes and high blood pressure, I have been feeling some better but am still very poorly; my daughter, Lela Mae Holman, who is doing poorly to be healed.—D. Broughton, Rt. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky.

A friend to be healed; my father who is eighty-two years old to give up to God.—Mrs. J. D. Fox, Box 1428, Wichita Falls, Tex.

The healing of my body, I am sick in bed part of the time.—Mrs. William Harvey, Jr., East New Market, Md.

The complete healing of my face of a breaking out.—Miss Delma Bassett, Union, Miss.

The healing of my body, the doctor says there is no cure for me. I am suffering with dilatation of the heart; the healing of my wife who is suffering with bronchitis, it seems she will suffocate at times.—Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Ford, River Road, St. Michael, Barbados.

The healing of my body.—Harold Clendenin, Oak Hill, W. Va.

The healing of me and my two sisters; an afflicted child to be healed.—Mrs. B. E. Tatum, 607 Maple St., Natchez, Miss.

The healing of my husband who was injured in 1938, also that he will get employment.—Mrs. Jennie Leedy, 110 Binghamtown, Middlesboro, Ky.

Me to be healed of a tumor.—Mrs. Ada Jones, Rt. 1, Fort Payne, Ala.

The healing of a friend of heart trouble and high blood pressure.—Mrs. Florence Galey, 294 Ferry Ave., Pontiac, Mich.

Me to be healed of a breaking out on my face.—Mrs. Melysa Burgess, Rt. 1, Epps, La.

My husband to be healed and saved; my children; a friend to be healed and receive salvation.—Sister Lucille Lewis, Rt. 3, Williamston, N. C.

The healing of my mother and sister.—Seymour Derby, Leicesterfield District, Frankfield P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

I am in need of much prayer.—Sister Laddewsaw, Gen. Del., Indianapolis, Ind.

The healing of my body of consumption, I have been in bed over seventeen months. I ask all to pray for me on June 15, Father's Day, that I will be healed.—B. H. Hall, Box 133, Jamestown, Ky.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Hattie Ransher, Rt. 1, Box 258, Oak Grove, La.

Me to be healed of heart trouble.—A. L. Jordan, Rt. 1, Oak Grove, La.

The healing of my children—two have the measles and one has pneumonia and pleurisy.—Mrs. E. L. Kuykendall, Hagerman, N. Mex.

The healing of my baby; my family and me.—Mrs. Frank Mathis, Fletcher, N. C.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Ethel Auten.—Mrs. J. B. Hebb, 1011 State St., Adrian, Mich.

The healing of my mother who is in the asylum at Whitfield, Miss., on account of her health.—Miss Evelyn Wheeler, Rt. 1, Anguilla, Miss.

My three little girls and two sons. My two sons disappeared August 28, 1940, and I haven't seen or heard of them since.—James S. Hughes, Vicksburg, Miss.

The healing of my body, I have had two operations and have been in bad health for three or four years. I was operated on for side pleurisy.—Mrs. Floyd Crane, Highlands, N. C.

The healing of my body, I have been suffering with my appendix and stomach, I think I have a tumor.—Mrs. Rhoda Watson, Highlands, N. C.

The healing of little Nancy Von Owen who has measles and pneumonia, she is in a serious condition; her mother, Mrs. George Owen, Rt. 6, Box 327, who has high blood pressure and ulcerations.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

God to make a way for me.—Louise Montgomery, Rt. 4, Box 594, Monroe, N. C.

Me to be healed of nervousness and other body troubles.—Mrs. J. B. Young, McCormick, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Olivia Flowers, Bay Minette, Ala.

Me to be healed of a severe case of sinus trouble and bronchial asthma and that I will receive the Holy Ghost; the healing of my brother's little girl who is in a serious condition.—D. K. Fuls, Russell, Ky.

The Lord to heal me of some kind of head trouble.—Mrs. R. Bloodworth, Rt. 3, Moultrie, Ga.

The healing of my body of neuritis, I have it in my hands so badly I can hardly use them.—Mrs. Ethel Aldridge, Rt. 3, Alma, Ga.

The complete healing of my body, I have almost a continual headache and nervousness, also my heart bothers me a lot.—B. H. Smith, Rt. 6, Ripley, Tenn.

My sister's health to be restored.—Mrs. W. D. McGlashan, 401 Floyd St., Valdosta, Ga.

The healing of my baby, she is afflicted; the Lord to help my mother, she is getting old.—Mrs. Zuma Lee Pearson, Rt. 3, Box 136, Crockett, Tex.

God to heal my body, I have been in hospital and am to go back. I am in a weak, run-down condition.—Mrs. C. W. Garretson, Stephenson, W. Va.

Me to be healed of ulcerated stomach and heart trouble and get salvation.—James Burwer, Rt. 2, Oak Grove, La.

The Lord to heal me of stomach and heart trouble and that I will get salvation.—Colie Ragland, Rt. 2, Oak Grove, La.

My mother, Mrs. Mae Anderson, Centerville, Ark., to be healed of a stroke of paralysis, she is in a very serious condition. Me to be healed of goitre and other troubles.—Mrs. Willie Smith, 219 Coach, Rt. 2, Kannapolis, N. C.

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Mission Page

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eight great thoughts—divine deliverance, divine audience, divine companionship, divine help, divine honor, divine satisfaction, divine revelation. This message lifted the large congregation into great bursts of rapture, and everybody was richly blessed. At the close of the message an altar call was given and ten came to seek a fresh anointing from on high. Following this, twenty were received into the fellowship of the church. Thus a wonderful service came to a close at 4:00 p. m. Dear Evangel Family, continue to pray for your mission work here in Barbados; we are now reaching out to other near-by islands. By God's grace and in answer to your prayers we mean to keep moving forward.—J. B. Winter, overseer of Barbados.

Leaves From the Fig Tree

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War against the British in the Middle East is on the point of breaking out, according to the latest advices received by high diplomatic officials in Washington. Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud, head of the crusading Wahabi Mohammedans, is absolute dictator of 10,000,000 warlike inhabitants. There are 200,000,000 Moslems in the world today, 80,000,000 of them in the Middle East, another 80,000,000 in India. This vast host, sensing the golden opportunity it has awaited patiently since the seventh century, when the Mediterranean was a MOSLEM POND, IS NOW READY TO STRIKE.

"In view of these facts, to say that the exposed situation of 425,000 Jews in Palestine is critical is to put the matter mildly. A few divisions of British troops are all that stand between the Jews and absolute annihilation. The Moslem Holy War will not be limited to Palestine. THE HOLY WAR HAS THE BACKING NOT ONLY OF THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN EUROPE, GERMANY, BUT ALSO OF THE MOST POWERFUL STATE IN ASIA, RUSSIA. Thus Ibn Saud, as he rallies the Mohammedan world to holy war, is backed by the powerful, opposed by the failing. When he starts out in the footsteps of the mahdi, death and destruction will follow in his wake. TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS OF THE FAITHFUL AWAIT HIS FIRST COMMAND." One peril after another! One trouble after another! One hatred after another! THE ONLY WAY OUT IS UP.

Editorials

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last class had come in. Only a few were standing when the last of the classes marched in. The Sunday school superin-

tendent started with announcements but they could hardly be heard above the hum of people talking, when suddenly he remarked, "I have enough of this; I'm not going to put up with it any more. I am going to have order in this house as long as I am in the position that I am." The group looked somewhat surprised at his humor but it had an effect on them only for a little while when the murmuring started again.

Oh, the editor forgot to tell you, this is a parable.

Victory at Griffin

Dear Evangel Readers: Just a few words about our new work here at Griffin, Ga. We indeed thank and praise the Lord for the Church of God. We praise Him for Rev. H. L. Whittington who came here in January and held a revival and organized a church January 30, 1941. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Rev. C. W. Butler. I believe he is doing everything he knows for the work here, both spiritually and financially. Pray for him and his companion who is sick.

We organized the church with fourteen members; now we have twenty-seven. We organized a Sunday school with forty-seven; now we have on roll about ninety. We won the Thomaston, Ga., district Sunday school banner at our last district convention. Praise the Lord.

We have been worshipping in a store building at Experiment, about two miles from Griffin, for two months. The first of this month our state overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaube, and our district pastor, Rev. J. P. Green, got us a new tent which we erected on our lot that we bought to build a church on. Our lot is located in the City of Griffin on Palace Street. The lot is 100x150 and cost us only \$300. Thank the Lord.

The devil is trying to defeat us in getting a loan to build a church but we are praying and believing that the Lord is going to open up someone's heart to lend us the money. Everyone who reads this pray for us too that the Lord will open up a way for a church building here and that we will not get discouraged.

The Church of God is new in this town and we all came from some other holiness organizations but the Lord is blessing us in a wonderful way already. Praise His name. We are indeed fortunate to have with us every Saturday afternoon for a radio broadcast from 3:05-4:00 Rev. H. L. Whittington and the LeFevre Trio—Eva Mae, Urias and Alphus LeFevre, over station WKEU, 1450 Kc. They have charge of the Saturday night service too.

The Lord is surely blessing us and we praise His name for it. The ladies have organized a Willing Workers Band and are doing a wonderful work. A number of our folks are seeking the Holy Ghost.

We have services Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Come and visit us some time and be sure you pray for us. Pray that the Lord will save souls and that our work will prosper. Also pray for my good companion who is sick.—Aubie Gowan, clerk, Box 75.

Appreciated Anointed Cloths and Prayers

HOUSTON, Miss.—I thank each one for the anointed cloths and the many prayers for our healing. The Lord is able and willing to heal us of anything and we really praise Him for it. We thank God for the Holy Ghost that brings joy and peace to our lives. We hope others will see and turn from sin before the midnight hour. Please keep praying that we may hold out until the end.

The Church of God at Thorn is rising and shining more and more under the leadership of Brother G. C. Dunn.

Please pray for our children. May God bless in a great way.—Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Nabors, Star Route.

Praise God For Healing

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—Praise God for salvation. Praise Him for healing my stomach. The Evangel and Lighted Pathway are food to my soul.—Mrs. Lula Crockett (colored).



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Question Box

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7:9? Are these the same as the foolish virgins?—L. A. W.

Answer: The last that we have any record of the foolish virgins, the bridegroom said unto them, Matt. 25:12, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not." These certainly refer to the crowd that was left because of being unprepared. The 13th verse is the central truth caught by the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." The group in Rev. 7:9 are shown as clothed with white robes (righteousness) and palms in their hands (victory), thus we have a righteous, victorious group who are crying, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." No, these could not be foolish for they have been made wise unto salvation through an acceptance of the righteousness of God, and have right to all of the benefits of heaven.

Easton, Maryland, Sunday School and Y. P. E. District Convention

On Saturday evening, May 10, delegates from the churches on the Easton district met at Easton for the first Sunday school and Y. P. E. convention.

We praise the Lord for His presence with us throughout the convention. He was there to bless and encourage in every effort which was made for the advancement of each of these departments of the Church. The purpose of our conventions is that they might help us to live up to our state slogan, "Better Sunday schools and Y. P. E's."

Saturday evening was devoted to the Y. P. E. work. After songs and prayer several interesting features were rendered by the Juniors. As all repeated to-

gether our state motto, "WE are laborers together with God," followed with singing our national Y. P. E. theme song, "The Victory to Win," we were encouraged to work until the last battle has been won and the great victory reached. God honored us as all stood and sang "God Bless America" and as Brother Milligan prayed, remembering the youth in the training camps for the defense of our country.

We did not forget a place for the Lighted Pathway, as we feel this is a great blessing to the Y. P. E. Sister Koshewitz spoke in behalf of the paper. Our goal is to have as many papers coming to the state each month as there are members of the church. We are not far from this and believe this will soon be reached.

Brother Maxwell brought the evening address to the Y. P. E. on "The Need of the Y. P. E.," a perfect climax to a good service. The message was surely ordered of God, for a more timely one could not have been delivered.

Sunday morning was spent in honor of mothers. Brother Milligan, state overseer, brought the message, which was both in-

spiring and uplifting to all.

The topic of the afternoon was the Sunday school work. Sister Milligan spoke in behalf of the orphans. We appreciate the interest she has in this work. The offering for same was \$22.12. (The mission offering on Saturday evening was \$15.68.)

We appreciate the cooperation of the district, for it was this that made the first convention a great success. Easton church extended such a spirit of welcome and hospitality, also served a splendid dinner on Sunday to all.

We appreciate the cooperation we are having this year in the states of Maryland, Delaware, East Virginia and Washington, D. C.—Alva Mae McClure, state superintendent of Sunday school and Y. P. E., 607 South St., Easton, Maryland.

On the Upward Move

LANGLEY, S. C.—Praise God for His goodness to us. Truly He is in our midst. Brother Dunn conducted a successful revival, the Dunn Trio doing the singing, in which fifteen received the Holy Ghost and eleven were added to the church.

Every department of the church is on the upward move—our Sunday school, Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. We have a good pastor, Brother Odis Smith, who has his heart in the work and is doing all he can to promote God's cause. Our radio broadcast is doing lots of good. Two men have been saved while we were on the air. Thank God!—Exelma Holley.

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